GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY NOS. 6 AND 41
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway Nos. 6 and 41 are in dilapidated condition just after two days of heavy rain;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been inquired into and steps taken to ensure the use of good quality material as per the contractual obligations;

(c) whether there is any proposal to appoint an independent agency for conducting road audits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) The NH-6 is being maintained in traffic worthy condition.

Extensive damage occurred in Haldia - Kolaghat section (km 0/500 to km 52/700) of NH-41 in about 12.5 km stretch of the existing two lane carriageway due to heavy rainfall during 10th to 17th September and 2nd to 7th October 2004.

(b) The damaged stretches were immediately restored to traffic worthy condition by way of temporary restoration. Strengthening of the existing weak two lane carriageway from km 0/500 to 52/700) of NH-41 is also envisaged under the on-going project of widening of four lane of the Haldia - Kolaghat section (km 0/500 to km 52/700) of NH-41 by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), under the programme of upgrading road connectivity to major ports. Hence no enquiry has been conducted, as the damage is not due to other factors.

(c) and (d) The contracts of NHAI are being supervised by independent supervision consultants appointed through open bids.

Engineers India Ltd has been appointed as an independent agency for quality audits of most of the on-going works being done by NHAI.